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In re Patent Application of

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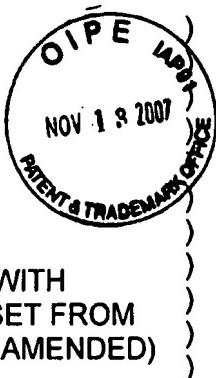
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For: INJECTION NEEDLE WITH  
NEEDLE POINT OFFSET FROM  
CENTRAL PLANE(AS AMENDED)

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 10, 2007, the following remarks are submitted.

The aforementioned Official Action indicates that the claims in this application are directed to three different species. As identified in the Official Action, the three species are as follows.

Species I shown in Fig. 3.

Species II illustrated in Fig. 4.

Species III depicted in Fig. 5.

Based on the observation that the three species are patentably distinct from one another, an election of species requirement has been imposed requiring an election of one of the three species.

In response to the election of species requirement, applicants hereby elect Species I illustrated in Fig. 3. Claims 1-3 and 5-18 are readable on the elected species.

In light of the foregoing, examination of all of the claims of this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

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